

## Amendments to the Claims:

*This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. (Currently Amended) Protective device for beverage cans with a cover joining the upper part of the beverage can,  
characterized by that,  
the cover of the protective device (1) is a cover (10) of circular shape covering a discharging opening (9) of the beverage can (2) and a cutout (8) is formed in  $\alpha = 60^\circ - 120^\circ$  degree on said cover (10), furthermore in the bottom of the cover (10) there is a fixing brim (6) joining below the brim (5) of the lid (3) of the beverage can.
2. (Currently Amended) Protective device according to claim 1, characterized by that, the protective device (1) has a skirting (7) covering the side of the beverage can (2).
3. (Currently Amended) Protective device according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized by that, the angle of the cutout (8) in the cover (10) is  $\alpha + 80^\circ \dots 90^\circ$ .
4. (Currently Amended) Protective device according to ~~any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, characterized by that, on the outer part of the cover (10) of the protective device (1) ribs are formed.
5. (Currently Amended) Protective device according to ~~any of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, characterized by that, the material of the protective device is plastic, in given case PVC or polypropylene or impregnated paper, or metal, in give case aluminum.